Proposal to Increase Game and Wild Life Sanctuaries

*293. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of game and wild life sanctuaries in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to create a wild life sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any sites or areas have been surveyed in East and West Godavari districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A report prepare by the Wildlife Institute of India on "Planning a Wildlife Protected Area Network in India" had suggested 4.6% of the geographical area of the country to be constituted into national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. At present, there are 80 national parks and 441 sanctuaries covering 4.52% of the the geographical area.

(b) to (d) Under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the State Govts. are empowered to create national parks and wildife sanctuaries. According to available information Coringa, Papikonda & Kolleru sanctuaries have been created in East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh

आतंकवाद फैलाने के लिए भारत के विरुद्ध पाकिस्तान का आरोप

*294. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पाकिस्तान के राष्ट्रपति और प्रधान मंत्री ने हाल ही में कराची में हिंसा की हुई घटनाओं के लिए भारत-प्रशिक्षित आंतकवादियों पर आरोप लगाया है;

(ख) क्या यह आरोप सही है अथवा सरकार को बदनाम करने की कोई साजिश है और इस मामले में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में तथ्यात्मक ब्यौरा क्या है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी): (क) से (ग) पाकिस्तान नेतृत्व समय-समय पर भारत के विरुद्ध इस प्रकार के निराधार और दुर्भावित आरोप लगाता रहा है कि कराची में व्याप्त स्थिति में भारत का हाथ है। इस संबंध में पाकिस्तान के दुष्प्रचार की अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय समुदाय में कोई विश्वसनीयता नहीं है।

भारत के विरुद्ध निर्देशित सीमा-पार से आतंकवाद को पाकिस्तान द्वारा सक्रिय समर्थन देने, प्रोत्साहन देने और से उकसाने के तथ्य और जिस ढंग से यह सब किया जाता है उसके बारे में हमारे पास दस्तावेजी सबूत हैं और इस व्यापक तौर पर स्वीकार किया गया है। पाकिस्तान का दुष्प्रचार इस बात से ध्यान हटाने में असफल रहा है कि वह आतंकवाद का प्रायोजन करने वाला राज्य है।

सरकार अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय समुदाय को पाकिस्तान के आचरण के सही तथ्यों के बारे में अवगत कराने का बराबर प्रयास करती रही है उसका यह आचरण सार्वभौम रूप से स्वीकार्य अन्तर-राज्य आचरण के मानदण्डों तथा शिमला समझौते का उल्लंघन है।

Collection of Raw Materials by Sanghi Cement Project from Outside the Chinkara Sanctuary

*295. SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to refere to the answer to unstarred Question 318 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sanghi Cement Project which is expected to get its raw material outside the Chinkara Sanctuary area in Lakhpat Taluka of Kutchh district is going to collect its raw materials mainly from the denotified sanctuary area;

(b) whether Government are going to allow the Sanghi Cement Project to

exploit minerals of the denotified sanctuary area;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the exploitation of the denotified sanctuary area requires permission from the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the details about the procedure for exploiting minerals from denotified area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Sanghi Cement Project, as per the environmental conditions stipulated, is required to obtain its main raw material, namely limestone, from Khavda located at a distance of 100 km from the sanctuary. However, as per information received, the project is expocted to obtain its raw material mainly from the area denotified, although no such proposal for mining has been received for environmental clearance.

(a) and (d) As per the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 1994, as amended on 4th May, 1994, issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, no new mining project of major minerals, including limestone for cement production, can be taken up without prior environmental clearance from the Central Government. In order to consider the proposal for environmental clearance, the project authorities are required to submit the requisite information, which interalia includes Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Scarcity of Telephone Instruments

*296. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe scarcity of telephone instruments in the country;

(b) whether MINL has now stopped replacment of old, outdated and defective telephone instruments; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to meet the growing need of telephone instruments in the country and to replace the old instruments to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There is no scarcity of telephone instruments in the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise. However, there is sufficient production capacity available in the country to meet the growing demand of telephone instruments for providing new telephone connections as well as for the replacement.

Waiting List for Telephones in Nehru Place Exchange

*297. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALATI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of registrants in the waiting list for telephone connections registered under General Category and what is the present position of waiting list in Nehru Place Exchange, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that allotment of telephone connections in this exchange is very poor as compared to other exchanges of Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when all the registrants registered under General Category would be provided telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of applicants in the waiting list for telephone connections under N-OYT General category in Nehru Place Exchange is 21736. The last date of